GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:560
ANSWERED ON:04.05.2000
ADDTIONAL ALLOCATION OF FOODGRAINS DUE TO CYCLONE
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have allocated additional quantity of foodgrains on subsidised rates to the cyclone-affected States, particularly Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, item-wise and quantity-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to extend the subsidy till the end of 2000-2001 financial year; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a),(b),(c) & (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a),(b),(c) & (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 560 FOR ANSWER IN LOK SABHA ON 04-05-2000.

(a) & (b): In the recent past there have been two incidents of cyclone calamity which hit Orissa only in quick succession in October, 1999. In the wake of large scale devastations caused by the cyclones in that State the following quantities of foodgrains have been allotted at BPL rate to the State for cyclone relief.

RICE	Quantity in tonnes
1. For distribution to all cyclone affected families in 14 affected districts	
(a) for a period of 5 months from November, 1999 to 31 March, 2000.	2,93,038
(b) for the period of 7 months from April, 2000 to October, 2000.	1,28,982
2. For running community kitchens in the cyclone affected districts by the N.G.Os/PSUs.	2,000
3. Against the quantity of rice distributed by the State Government as gratuitous relief (free rice) during first 15 days of the super cyclone	51,663
4. Allocation for rice at BPL rate for Food for Work Programme in the 14 affected districts	90,600
TOTAL	5,66,283

WHEAT

6. For conversion into atta and distribution amongst the cyclone affected population in the affected coastal districts. 50,000

7. Allocation of wheat for distribution in the affected areas 90,000

8. TOTAL 1,40,000

9. TOTAL QUANTITY OF RICE & WHEAT 7,06,283

(c) & (d): The special allocations of rice at BPL rate for cyclone relief has beenextended by Government of India on the request of Orissa Government upto October, 2000.